

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
AT TACOMA

DARRELL KENT,  
Plaintiff,

V.

WASHINGTON STATE SPECIAL  
COMMITMENT CENTER CHIEF  
MEDICAL DIRECTOR, DR. LESLIE  
SIEBERT; WASHINGTON STATE  
SPECIAL COMMITMENT CENTER,  
GALINA DIXON, ARNP, and JOHN  
DOES 1-25 and JANE DOES 1-25,

## Defendants.

CASE NO. 3:15-CV-05553-BHS-DWC

**ORDER DIRECTING PLAINTIFF TO  
PROVIDE COURT WITH  
ADDRESSES**

Plaintiff, a Washington State civilly-committed detainee proceeding *pro se*, filed this civil rights action pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983 on August 6, 2015. Dkt. 1. On November 27, 2015, Plaintiff filed a Motion requesting the Court serve a summons and a copy of his complaint on Defendant Galina Dixon, ARNP. Dkt. 13. However, Plaintiff also names John Does 1-25 and Jane Does 1-25 (“Doe defendants”) as defendants in this action. The use of “John Doe” to identify a defendant is not favored. *Gillespie v. Civiletti*, 629 F.2d 637, 642 (9th Cir. 1980).

1 Although a plaintiff may be given an opportunity after filing a lawsuit to discover the identity of  
2 unknown defendants through discovery, the use of Doe defendants is problematic because those  
3 persons cannot be served with process until they are identified by their real names.<sup>1</sup>

4 Plaintiff is ordered to provide the names and addresses of the Doe defendants within 30  
5 days of the date of this order. If Plaintiff is unable to provide the Court with names and addresses  
6 of the Doe defendants in that timeframe, the Court will recommend dismissal of the Doe  
7 defendants from the case without prejudice.

8 Dated this 14th day of December, 2015.

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David W. Christel  
United States Magistrate Judge

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<sup>1</sup> Also, though Plaintiff lists the Doe defendants in the case caption, they are otherwise unmentioned in the complaint or named in Plaintiff's causes of action. If Plaintiff is able to identify additional defendants and claims through discovery, he may be allowed to amend his complaint to add those defendants and claims at that time.